

REMARKS

The present application was filed on April 5, 2001 with claims 1-20. In the outstanding second non-final Office Action, the Examiner maintained the provisional rejection of claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12-17, 19 and 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on the copending U.S. patent application identified as Serial No. 09/638,320 in view of B. Schneier, "Applied Cryptography" (hereinafter "Schneier").

Applicant again traverses the provisional double patenting rejection for at least the following reasons.

As first stated in Applicant's previous response dated July 13, 2004, and reiterated in Applicant's second response dated April 4, 2005, the copending U.S. patent application identified as Serial No. 09/638,320 does not claim that "any portion of a result associated with the function that is outside the group is randomized . . . and remov[ing] the randomization of any portion of the result associated with the function that is outside the group," as recited in the independent claims. Further, as pointed out in Applicant's previous responses, Schneier also fails to disclose that "any portion of a result associated with the function that is outside the group is randomized . . . and remov[ing] the randomization of any portion of the result associated with the function that is outside the group."

Thus, it is respectfully asserted that claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12-17, 19 and 20 are not obvious over the copending U.S. patent application identified as Serial No. 09/638,320 in view of Schneier.

Nonetheless, in order to expedite the present application through to issuance, Applicant concurrently files a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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